Term 2 2016 Calendar

26 May  Australian Defence Force Care package drop off day
2 June  Fundraising—Parent Session: Warrior Princess 7pm
3 June  Year 3/4 Hooptime
6 June  Year 2 Excursion Myuna Farm
7 June  Year 1 Excursion Myuna Farm
9 June  Year 6 Parent Function 7.30pm (details page 5)
13 June  Queen’s Birthday—PUBLIC HOLIDAY, NO SCHOOL
15 June  Bookings go live on Compass 2.00pm for Parent/Teacher Meetings
17 June  Years 3-6 Melbourne United Basketball Incursion
20 June  Parent/Teacher Meetings (Optional) this week. Individual teacher times will be available on Compass with a late night option Monday 20th June
21 June  School Council Meeting 7.30pm
22 June  Wednesday Parent’s Association Meeting 2.45pm
22-24 June  Year 5 Camp
24 June  End Term 2—2.30pm

Bookclub due back Monday

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**Writers Notebook Approach**

Last Friday Deb Sukarna led the staff through the Writers Notebook approach to teaching writing. Teachers have enthusiastically embraced this concept and have implemented the structure from Year 2-6. We had a number of questions for Deb Sukarna in relation to what it looks like in Prep and Year 1 and now feel confident it meets the learning needs of our students. Your children may come home and refer to the following concepts:

Seeds- this is not something we are planting in the garden. We are referring to ‘Seeds’ as ideas, concepts or pictures to stimulate their thinking.

Writers Notebooks- these are either individual or whole class notebooks to record thoughts, feelings and ideas to help with writing.

Conferences – these are one to one or small group sessions done weekly to challenge their thinking in the development of a writing piece.

Mini lesson – these are short strategy groups used when required.

Three ways of thinking – students are challenged to move from surface level, to below the surface and ultimately into core thinking when writing.

We still explicitly teach the ‘craft’ of writing as well as referring to the variety of text forms i.e report, narrative, persuasive etc. to present their information.

The children are enjoying the structure of writing and are motivated to produce high quality pieces rather than quantity. This approach really focuses on writing as thinking, rather than just recording.

**Julie Gilbert**

Julie is enjoying her role as Acting Principal at Croydon Primary School. She will continue in that role until the end of Term 2.

**Kelly O’Dwyer**

Kelly O’Dwyer attended the school assembly on Monday morning. She spoke about leadership and handed certificates to the school captains Max and Sasha and SRC leaders Jolie and Timmy for attending the morning tea she held last month.

**SMILE news**

For the remainder of the term we will be focusing on ‘Tuning into your Bounce.’ The following graphic will be used across the school. This is to remind students about their bounce. The questions they will explore include:

* Am I too bouncy or not bouncy enough?
* How do I adjust my bounce for the social situation?
* What do others say and do in order for me to recognise my bounce?

For the older students we will be exploring the function of the brain. We will also be exploring the world of social media and brain function. In particular, how do you take cues from others on line when you are missing the non verbal cues of communication.

**Natalie Nelson**

Principal
**Student’s Report**

“One of our school parents, Joanne Bryant, came in to show us the Sphero computer generated ball. How it works: The Sphero moves when you give it commands. It also moves when you move the dot around on the App on an iPad, it’s a bit like a computer mouse. They can sing! The Sphero is a clear electric ball that dances, swims, runs and MUCH MORE! The Sphero has 3 Apps to control it and each App does something different. The Sphero is exciting, playful and an amazing new toy!”

*Emilie M & Charlotte C*

**Cross Country**

On Friday 20th of May students from Ashburton Primary competed in the Glen Iris District Cross Country. It was a beautiful day to be out running and our students capitalized on the chance to run in the sunshine. Students represented the school proudly competing against 8 other schools in the district over 2000m and 3000m.

All students should be very proud of their efforts and the way in which they competed. Thank you to those staff and student teachers who helped out on the day, your help is always appreciated.

Four students had great success and will now compete at the Booroondara Division Cross Country at Ruffey Park Lake. This is a great achievement, we congratulate you and wish you well. Run hard.

10th, Jasmine A
6th, Finn H
2nd, Jasmine F
2nd, Emerson H

**Interesting Ashy History News**

“Hi, we’re Hanna C, Emma W, Cassie B, Isabelle P, Amber B, Charlotte S, and Lulu R and we’re in Year 4 and giving you some Interesting Ashy History News!

At lunchtime, we’ve been going through boxes of old things in the Conference Room. We found school photos from 1987 of teachers like Mrs Bevis, Ms Quelle (Newham) and Ms Vorston! We also found the first school newsletter from 1956. There’s heaps of sports photos too and even the School song. Next week we will be talking more about the school song. Thanks and Goodbye.....”

**Assembly Performance Monday 30th May**

Cassie B will be performing her version of ‘I Hate You, I Love You’. Cassie will playing the keyboard as an accompaniment to her singing.
Smile Awards

Perry M PMC For fantastic weekend writing. Perry is continually extending himself with his writing.
Jack A PMD Demonstrating great leadership and wonderful role modelling when completing his ‘lunch order’ monitor role. Jack you show great enthusiasm and happily show your peers. I am very proud!
Indiana M PMG For always trying her best and being willing to ‘have a go.’
Jack N PCW Confidently talking about a snake skin with a number of classes and teachers. Great effort!
James C 1ET For his excellent improvement in recount writing. Your use of describing words and interesting sentence starters is fantastic. Well done!
Sara W 1TD Excellent work in all areas, she always does her best.
Lily D 1LC For her wonderful writing about Bali and volcanoes.
Georgette E 1SN For her outstanding effort, enthusiasm and achievement in spelling and reading. You are a Literacy Superstar!
Matthew B 2AA For your excellent ‘Show & Share’ all about Pianos. The written report you produced was very interesting and I congratulate you on your excellent performance of ‘The Crocodile.’
Abi B 2RR For her valuable contributions during class discussions, demonstrating her attentive listening skills
Conrad I 2HL For his composure in his impressive piano recital during assembly. Bravo!
Dwarakh S 2VC Welcome to Ashburton Primary School, you’ve settled in so well! We love having you in 2VC.
Lauren R 3KE For your enthusiasm to help your classmates as well as others in need.
Harry W 3KE For your energy in the classroom and always having the right amount of ‘bounce.’
Arabella S 3DS For an amazing performance at the Education Week assembly! We are so proud of you Bella.
Sami R 3KT For always showing a high level of interest and involvement in all tasks. Sami is such a friendly and positive student.
Evalyn B 3KT For always working co-operatively especially in Reading and Maths groups and actively participating in all set tasks.
Daksk P 3CR Being an enthusiastic class member who always tries his best. Keep up the good work.
Emily W 4EM For consistently demonstrating the school values of respect, resilience and responsibility. You continually take a mature approach to your learning and help others when needed.
Ruby H 4DW For her tremendous work ethic. She maintains an extremely high standard in everything she does.
Lereshan N 4DW For applying greater effort and making good learning choices to achieve his learning goals.
Jamon N 4KH For showing great responsibility in the classroom and being a kind and caring classmate.
Sophie M 4KH Her positive attitude towards writing. You are an incredible thinker and writer!
Disithita S 5DF Welcome to Ashburton Primary School and congratulations on settling in so well.
Doris W 5DF For always having a go and giving 100%. Well done Doris.
Jasmine O 5LP For her organisation, leadership and commitment to developing her knowledge in class.
Max G 5LP For coming back to school with a great attitude and a willingness to learn. Great work Max!
Tessa M 6MB For trying so hard in class, whilst being an outstanding team player.
Hugh B 6SW For striving to achieve more in his writing. Hugh is taking on every new challenge with a great attitude. Amazing work!
Kyla H 6SW For being a writing role model. Kyla considers all her feedback and works especially hard to revise and edit independently. Well done!

School Banking with the Bendigo Community Bank
Just a reminder that student banking is every Wednesday.
If you require forms to open an account for your child, we have packs here at the Office, or you can pop into the Bendigo Bank and open an account there.
Chocolate Drive

Orders for the 2016 Chocolate Drive must be returned to school by Friday 27th May. Order forms were sent home last week or are available on Compass. Please support one of our major fundraising activities of the year by selling a box or two of chocolates or lollies. Funds raised this year will go towards repairing the asphalt surfaces around the school.

Chocolate and Lolly boxes will come home on Wednesday 15th June, with money due back by Friday 24th June.

Each box you order and sell will give you the chance to win an Entertainment Book and if you pay when ordering you will get the two entries per box.

Thanks, Year 3 Parent Reps

Family Portraits

A reminder family portraits this Sunday 29th May, 2016. All families who have booked should have their appointment time. Photos will be taken in the school staffroom.

Still places left if you would like a family portrait. $20 a sitting includes a free family portrait. Contact Joyce at joycechanot@hotmail.com
Compass Information

Compass has an App that you can download from the App Store. It is called ‘Compass School Manager’

- Please note that if you are using the Compass App on your phone you need to click on ‘Open in Browser’ in the menu in order to access the Homepage of Compass, otherwise you will just see the Newsfeeds only.

- All Events/Attendance and other items that need parent consent can be found on the Homepage.
ASHAY FUN RAISING

1. Family portraits on Sunday 29th May, 2016

There are still a couple more photo sittings between 9.00-11.00am. If you are keen for a spot then you are not too late...$20 a sitting and contact joycechanot@hotmail.com to secure your place.

Thank you to all those who have booked a Family Portrait sitting. You should have received an email indicating your sitting time. If you have not confirmed please do so. If you have not received your time then please contact joycechanot@hotmail.com

Photos will be taken in the staffroom on Sunday 29th May, 2016. Please wait outside in the foyer and you will be called in when the photographer is ready.

2. Entertainment books will be distributed to families who have not opted out. Take it home and have a look. If interested then you can purchase the book otherwise please return to the office.

Thanks
Fundraising Team

Go To Rio!

Ashburton Primary School trivia is joining the Olympics, Peter Allen and Carnival and is off to Rio.

Arrange a babysitter & save this date:
Saturday 6 August 2016
6-10:30 pm

Tables of 10 & 12 and individual tickets on sale 17 June on trybookings
Creative Dance and Drama July Holiday Program 2016

What: Creative Dance and Drama workshops facilitated by Georgia Lombardi

- Participants will be involved in a variety of dance/drama activities in the workshops.
- Each workshop is different so children can attend multiple days.
- Every workshop concludes with a performance.

Where: Tuesday 5th July – Prep – Year 2 – Dance/Drama
Wednesday 6th July – Year 2-6 – Drama
Thursday 7th July – Year 3-6 Dance/Drama

The workshops commence at 9am and finish at 4pm.

Where: Ashburton Primary School Hall, Fawkham Rd, Ashburton.

When: Children in Prep – Year 6

Cost: $59 per day per child

Registration forms can be collected from the office or visit the Creative Dance and Drama website and request a form via the contact page.

If you have any queries or require more information about the workshops please e-mail creative.danceand.drama.com and go to the contact page.

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